(2) if so, how many petitions were received by them and how were they disposed of;

(3) whether they have received any representation from the local Panchayat in the matter;

(4) if so, how it was disposed of and what orders were passed by the Government upon it ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon:— (1) Yes.

(2) Two resolutions passed at public meetings and one petition dated 28—6—1110 have been received.

(3) Yes.

(4) Government sanctioned the work and ordered that the proposal to take it up would be considered at the time of framing the budget for 1110.

School functions presided over by the Director of Public Instruction.

196. Mr. P. Raman Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the number of school functions presided over by the Director of Public Instruction during the last academic year 1109—1110;

(b) the number of school functions presided over by the Director of Public Instruction wherein the Editor of the Gomathi, Mr. K. V. Raghavan Nayar, has lectured ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— (a) and (b) It is not possible to furnish the information as no record is maintained in the office regarding such items.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—May I take it that there were a number of functions presided over by the D. P. I. where the Editor of the Gomathi has lectured ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:—There might have been some and not a considerable number.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know, Sir, whether it is not a healthy state of affairs to have the departmental head presiding over the annual celebrations of schools ? It is part of the work of the supervising officer to come into touch with affiars of the School during School day celebrations. I mean it has a desirable and healthy influence on the working of the schools on matters connected with education.

Mr. P. Raman Menon:—It is not proper and desirable for the school that the editor must also follow.

Mr. I. N. Menon:—Editors, Press Reporters, etc., must follow where speeches are delivered.

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മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:— വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അഗ്രാസനം വഹിക്കുന്ന യോഗങ്ങളിൽ ആരെല്ലാമാണു പ്രാസംഗികന്മാരായിരിക്കുക എന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറു കണക്കുവയ്ക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ:—കണക്കു വച്ചിട്ടില്ലെന്നു ഞാൻ ഉത്തരം പറഞ്ഞു കഴിഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:—അതു ഗവൺമെൻറിനെ അറിയിക്കേണ്ട ആവശ്യമുണ്ടോ ?

മിസ്റ്റർ ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ:—അങ്ങിനെയുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ കണക്കുവയ്ക്കണമെന്നു ഗവൺമെൻറു് നിർബ്ബന്ധിക്കുകയില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ:— വിദ്യാഭ്യാസമേലദ്ധ്യക്ഷൻ അഗ്രാസനം വഹിക്കുന്ന യോഗങ്ങളിൽ സുപ്രസിദ്ധവാഗ്മിയായ മുളങ്കുന്നത്തുകാവു മെമ്പറേയും ഒരു പ്രാസംഗികനായി ക്ഷണിക്കുണമെന്നു കല്പന യയയ്ക്കുവാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ ? (ചിരി)

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. രാമൻ മേനോൻ:— മെമ്പറുടെ അനുവാദം ചോദിച്ചിട്ടു മതി അങ്ങിനെ കല്പനയുണ്ടാകുവാൻ.

Conflict between caste-Hindus and non caste Hindus on account of the absence of a proper public way in Kumbalam.

197. Mr A. Narayana Menon:— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether there have been religious festivities of different communities in which for want of a proper public way caste-Hindus and non-caste Hindus have come into conflict in the Kumbalam village;

(2) whether they are not aware of the fact that such situations were averted duly by the intervention of the local Police ?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon:—(1) Government have no information.

(2) Does not arise in view of the answer to sub-division (1).

Play Grounds School in Mattancheri.

198. Mr. Popatal Goverdhan Lalan:— Will the Government be pleased to state whether all the schools in Mattancheri are provided with play-grounds attached to them ?

Mr. I. N. Menon:— No, except for one—St. Sebastian's High School, Pallivirutti.

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